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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR JAY MARTIN

1. JAY MARTIN, FULBRIGHT LECTURER IN AMERICAN LITERATURE DURING
SPRING SEMESTER AT MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH
PROFESSOR ORM OVERLAND, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN, IN
REGARD TO ARRANGING BRIEF VISIT TO NORWAY FOR PURPOSE OF LECTURING
ON ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- A. PROBLEMS IN BIOGRAPHY -- READINGS FROM A COMPLETED BIOGRAPHY
OF HENRY MILLER
- B. TRENDS IN RECENT AMERICAN WRITING
- C. HUCKLEBERRY FINN
- D. ERSKINE CALDWELL

2. MARTIN PROPOSES TO LEAVE MOSCOW FOR NORWAL MAY 7
TRAVELLING DIRECTLY TO BERGEN WHERE HE WOULD SPEND WEEKEND AND
THEN LECTURE ON MONDAY, MAY 10. HE COULD THEN LECTURE
IN OSLO ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO
MOSCOW MAY 12. MARTIN COULD RETURN AS LATE AS MAY 14
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IF SCHEDULE REQUIRES.

3. MARTIN IS BRIGHT, ARTICULATE, AND SERIOUS SCHOLAR WHO HAS QUICKLY DEVELOPED GOOD REPUTATION AND CLOSE CONTACTS WITH SOVIET SCHOLARS WORKING ON AMERICAN LIT. IN ADDITION TO HIS LECTURING DUTIES AT MOSCOW UNIVERSITY'S LITERATURE DEPARTMENT, HE HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY'S JOURNALISM FACULTY, AT THE JOURNAL OF FOREIGN LITERATURE, AND AT THE IMPORTANT GORKY INSTITUTE OF WORLD LIT. EMBOFF WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH MARTIN'S CAREFULLY-DEVELOPED, PROVOCATIVE PRESENTATION ON TOPIC B ABOVE AT JOURNAL OF FOREIGN LIT.

4. MARTIN BIO: BORN 1935. B.A., COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, 1956. M.A. AND PH.D., OHIO STATE UNIV., 1957 AND 1960. VARIOUS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, INCLUDING GUGGENHEIM. INSTRUCTOR IN ENGLISH, PENN STATE, 1957-58. ASST PROF-ASSOC PROF., YALE, 1960-68. PROFESSOR ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE, 1968 TO PRESENT. ALSO DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT YALE, 1964-66. AUTHOR OF EIGHT BOOKS, EDITOR OF SEVEN OTHERS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIGHT OF DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH TRYING TO COMMUNICATE IN AND OUT OF USSR VIA LETTER, REQUEST EMB OSLO ON MARTIN'S BEHALF CONTACT OVERLAND AND OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF SCHEDULE PROPOSED ABOVE, ADVISING RE TOPICS ON WHICH OVERLAND WISHES MARTIN TO SPEAK. ALSO REQUEST INFO ON WHETHER OVERLAND WILL COVER TRAVEL COSTS AND OR PAY STIPEND. IS EMBASSY INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING MARTIN MAY 12 IN OSLO? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS RE PREFERRED TOPIC, AUDIENCE, ETC. SOONEST.

6. FOR LONDON RRU: POUCHING UNDER REGISTRY #1622892 COPY OF MARTIN BIO DATA, WHICH YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO OTHER AREA POSTS. MARTIN MIGHT BE AVAILABLE AS LECTURER OR PARTICIPANT IN AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCES AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS FULBRIGHT LECTURER DUTIES IN USSR IN EARLY JUNE. ADVISE.
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